

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MINUTES
November 20, 2006
150 North 18th Avenue, Suite 540
Phoenix, AZ**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The EMS Council meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSSION and ACTION ON APRIL 21, 2006 MINUTES

A motion was made by Charlie Smith and seconded by John Gallagher to approve the minutes of April 21, 2006. **Motion carried.**

III. REPORTS

A. Report from the Bureau Chief

Terry Mullins, Bureau Chief, thanked the EMS Council for attending the meeting.

1. Deputy Bureau Chief

Ed Armijo was introduced as the new Deputy Bureau Chief for the Bureau of EMS and Trauma System.

2. Bureau Name Change

It was reported that the Bureau has undergone a title change. The Bureau is now the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System. The reason for change was to reflect the statutory and regulatory activities undergone by the Bureau.

3. Bureau Statistician

It was reported that the Bureau posted the Biostatistician position for a month and applicants have submitted their resumes. The Bureau is currently reviewing the resumes and will then conduct interviews to fill the position.

4. Update on Hospital Overcrowding and Diversion Workgroups

It was reported that the Steering Committee and subcommittees were formed in September 2006. The subcommittees have met and have provided their recommendations to the Director.

A question was posed as to whether there exists a need for the EMS Council to assist the Director in implementing the recommendations provided by the Diversion Steering Committee. It was reported that the Bureau will refer this question to the Director and provide a response to the EMS Council at a later date.

5. 2005 Statewide EMS and Trauma System Assessment

6. 2006-2010 Injury Prevention Plan

7. Regional Leadership Meeting- Data Focus

The Regional Leadership Meeting took place on October 27, 2006 at the state lab auditorium. The focus of the meeting was on data collection. Clay Mann was the invited guest at the meeting who spoke on the importance of collecting data.

C. Chairman's Report

1. EMS Council Membership Update

Sgt. Victor McGraw was introduced as the new EMS Council member. Sgt. McGraw has been designated to represent the Department of Public Safety and has replaced Sgt. Richard Thacher.

2. Introduction of EMS Fellow - Sara Shimmin

Dr. Sarah Shimmin was introduced as the EMS Fellow for the Bureau. Dr. Shimmin will be working with Dr. Bobrow on special projects and will be with the Bureau for one year.

3. SHARE/ASPIRE Program Update

IV. STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD

A. Discussion/Action on Report from STAB - ACS System Consultation

Vicki Conditt reported that the Bureau will be hosting an ACS System Consultation in June 2007. The Bureau is currently planning and preparing for the consultation. The consultation will consist of a critical analysis of the State's system.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Draft rulemaking to implement Laws 2006, Chapter 166 (extension fee rulemaking)

The EMS Council reviewed the draft rulemaking to implement Laws 2006, Chapter 166.

Discussion ensued regarding the extension fee rulemaking.

A question was posed as to whether language could be added to include a suspension until an EMT has successfully completed their recertification. It was reported that the 30 day extension allows EMTs to continue to work.

Discussion ensued regarding EMTs working during the 30 day extension.

A motion was made by Charlie Smith and seconded by John Gallagher to accept the document as submitted in the agenda packet. **Motion carried.**

B. Review of draft Table 1 and discussion and action on the IV agents that different levels of EMTs should be authorized to administer, monitor, or use as transport agents under Table 1

The EMS Council reviewed the draft Table 1 document. It was reported that the document included the recommendations made by the Medical Direction Commission (MDC) from their September 22, 2006 meeting.

A question arose as to why page 2 of the document listed two Epinephrine Auto-Injectors. It was reported that the first box marked as Epinephrine Auto-Injector is marked with an * with indicates that it is an optional agent for a BLS ambulance that is not primarily serving the first emergency medical services provider arriving on scene in response to an emergency dispatch.

A motion was made by John Gallagher and seconded by Charlie Smith to approve the document with the recommendations made by MDC. **Motion carried.**

C. Annual review of Pediatric Triage and Treatment Protocols by EMS-C (PACES)

A motion was made to approve the annual review of Pediatric Triage and Treatment Protocols by EMSC (PACES). PACES will review the protocols every year in November and report their update to the PMD Committee. The PMD Committee will then review the protocols and provide recommendations. **Motion carried.**

D. Schedule of meetings for 2007

The EMS Council reviewed the dates for the 2007 schedule of meeting.

A motion was made to approve the 2007 meeting dates for EMS Council. **Motion carried.**

VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

VII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next EMS Council meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2007.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.